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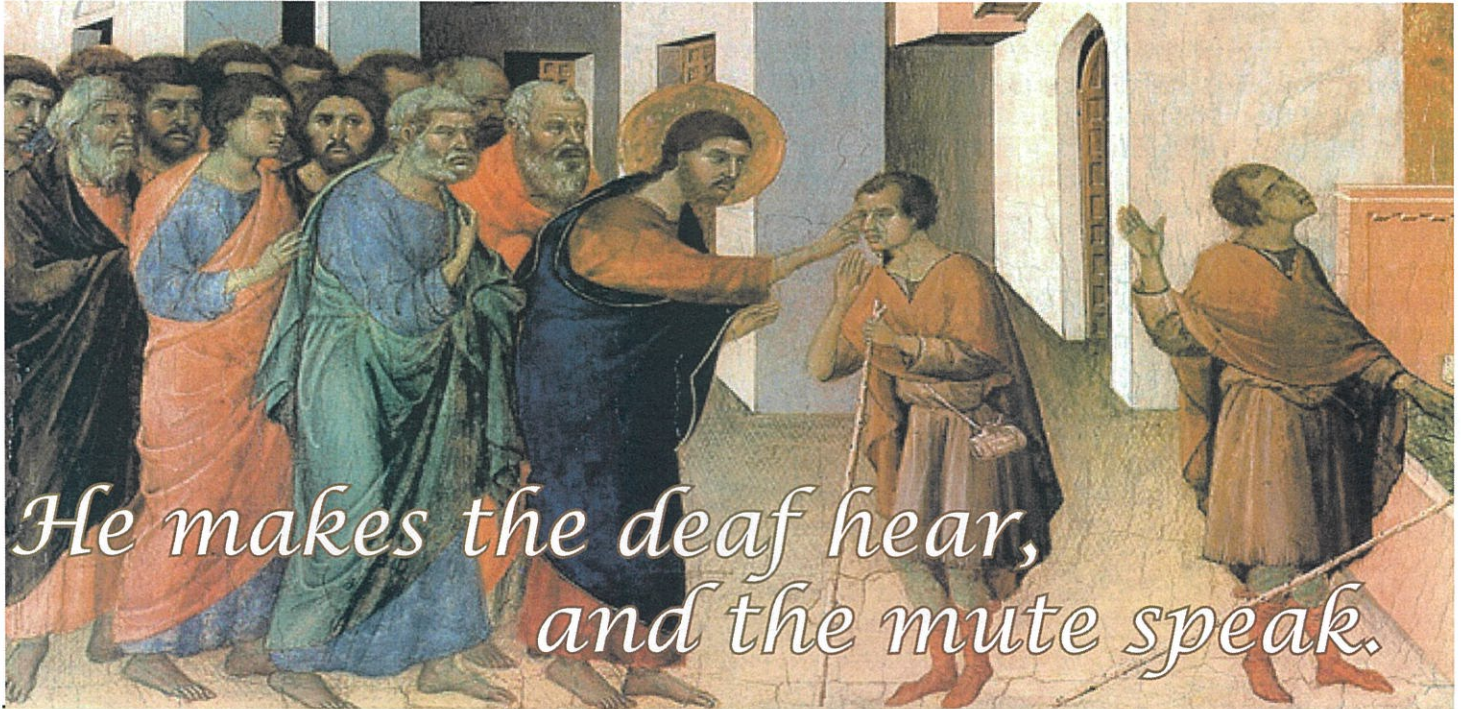
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September 5, 2021



*He makes the deaf hear,
and the mute speak.*

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Rev. Fr. Robert Kenfack

Rev. Fr. Andrew Lesko

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Rev. Mr. Wilfredo Acosta

Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

Rev. Mr. José Vázquez

OFFICE HOURS

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8:00AM - 4:00PM

Sunday
8:00AM - 12:00PM

TELEPHONE: 340-774-0201

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CONVENT

340-774-0201 ext. 23

Daughters of the Holy Family

Sister Clarisse Doungmene

Sister Adèle Gatsi

Sister Sylverine Fola

MISSION STATEMENT

*To continue the ministry
of Jesus Christ by:*

Preaching the Good News to a Caribbean Community in keeping with the vision of the Roman Catholic Church. Furthering the faith of God's people with sound teaching and meaningful liturgies in keeping with the apostolic tradition. Promoting and implementing inclusive strategies to meet the needs of the populations that worship at Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (JK-12)

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Maria Jules-Daniel, MLIS

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MASSES

Weekend: Saturdays 5:00PM; Sundays 8:30AM

Weekdays: Wednesdays and First Fridays 5:00PM

CONVENT

340-714-1101

Franciscan Handmaid of Mary

Sr. Mary T. Ademubi

Sr. Emerite Kiloba



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared;
and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.

Psalm 146

"Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom?

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Our God is a transformative God, bringing life to the wasteland and giving hope to the people who appeared to be abandoned. Isaiah, the prophet and poet, spoke to a society that equated deficiency with sinfulness, prophesying that God would transform the deaf, the blind, the disabled, and the mute. Jesus does just that in the Gospel. In between, James calls us to change the way we judge strangers we encounter. Listening to today's readings, note the transformations we witness.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021:

7:00AM-Special Intention Rb A.E.

4:30PM-Special Intention Rb Marcial LaPlace

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021:

7:00AM-†John Teddy Aubain Rb Steve Olive & Virginia

10:00AM-†Colville Moolenaar Rb his children

12:00PM-Special Intention Rb Uraine LaPlace

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021: Labor Day

7:00AM-†Aaron Benjamin Rb I.A. Duncan

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021:

7:00AM-†Jovenel Moise Rb Haitian Community

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

7:00AM-

12:15PM-†Gladys Reyes Lake Rb Julian Harris

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021:

7:00AM-Kisha Mitchell (Birthday) Rb Benjamin family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021:

7:00AM-Addison Alfred (Special Intention) Rb himself

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021:

7:00AM-Phyllis Benjamin(Birthday) Rb Benjamin family

4:30PM-†Myrilyn Ricardo Rb Myrilyn Daniel&Lauren Spencer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021:

7:00AM-

10:00AM-Special Intention Rb Marcial LaPlace

12:00PM-

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021:

7:00AM-

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021:

7:00AM-†Teddy Larsen Rb Pearla Larsen and family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

7:00AM-

12:15PM-†Jovenel Moise Rb Haitian Community

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021:

7:00AM-

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021:

7:00AM-†Viola and †Thomas Blake Rb a friend

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021:

7:00AM-Brian Mills(Birthday)Rb his mother Yvonne

4:30PM-Special Intention Rb Marcial LaPlace

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021:

7:00AM-

10:00AM-†José Ramón Palermo Rb Dora Palermo

12:00PM-†Dolores Antonio Ventura Rb Maggie Ventura



At the request of Marc Lafontant

**The Vigil light will be lit
in the CATHEDRAL
for blessings for
Duncan and Lafontant
Families**

from September 4-10, 2021

MASS - SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 4:30PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:00AM, 10:00AM,
12:00PM (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

Monday to Saturday: 7:00AM

Holidays: 7:00AM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 11:30AM - 12:00PM

Saturday: 4:00PM - 4:25PM
or by Appointments

HOLY HOUR

(Discontinued until further notice)

Tuesdays: 7:30AM - 12:00PM

DEVOTIONS

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(Wednesday before Mass)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Every Sunday
beginning with the 7:00AM Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

We welcome visitors to our church today. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, please contact the Church Office by calling 340-774-0201. We sincerely thank you for worshipping with us today. Please be assured of our prayers.

CONDOLENCE:

Our condolence goes out to the family of **Chental Yearwood** who died last week. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9:30AM (prelude at 9:00AM) in the Cathedral. May her soul rest in peace.

FRIENDS OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY:

SOUP SALE TODAY, September 5, 2021, following both the 7:00AM and 10:00AM Masses. Two soups will be available: **RED PEAS** and **GOAT WATER**.

Also available will be two dinner plates: **SALT-FISH** and **PIG TAIL SOUSE WITH POTATO SALAD**.

OBSERVANCE:

The office will be **closed** on Monday, September 6th, 2021, in observance of Labor Day.

SECOND COLLECTION:

The second collection this weekend is taken up for the Music Ministry. Next weekend, the second collection will go towards Catholic Education. There will be a second **Special Collection** for the Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti. Thank you for your support.

NEW AIR-CONDITIONER:

We continue to solicit your contributions for the new air conditioning system. As of Wednesday, August 25, 2021, we have collected **\$54,351.00** for the \$90,000.00 air conditioner. Thank you for your generous donation to this very important project.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Religious education **classes begin on September 12, 2021**. Classes will be held both face-to-face and virtually. Pick up the registration form from the Church Office or register online at www.cathedralvi.org

We are also seeking volunteers to teach or assist in our Faith-Formation classes. Please call Sister Adèle at 340-774-0201 ext. 23 for further information.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL:

Our Catholic School is announcing registration for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Please call the school office to schedule testing or for additional information: 340-774-2199 or 340-774-5662. Or, contact us by email at: info@spps.edu.vi Classes are filling up fast!

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School is hiring teachers for the academic year 2021-2022. If you are interested, please call our school office at 340-774-2199 for further information.

THE MONTH OF THE BIBLE

Customarily, the month of September is dedicated to the deepening of the Bible, a moment the Church invites all the faithful to have a special focus on the Bible, the Sacred Book by which God speaks to his people, in other words, the Book of the Word of God. The meditation on the Bible during the month of September takes its meaning in the Feast of Saint Jerome, who dedicated his life in the understanding, the meditation, the study, and the teaching of this Holy Book, and translated the First Bible from Greek to Latin. Saint Jerome affirmed that: "Ignorance of the Scripture is Ignorance of Christ".

It is of greatest importance therefore that every Christian place the Bible at the center of his daily life, to ponder and scrutinize this Holy Book, to probe and intensify the knowledge of it, for a deeper and a broadened understanding as well as an adequate accommodation of our lives to the reality of God. Familiarity with the Bible is intimacy with God. It is a beautiful revelation that everyday inspires every life. The more we make of the Bible our bedside book, the better our faith in God and our commitment to him bring us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

In order to help all the Christian faithful of our diocese to make a beautiful encounter with God through the Bible during this month of September, I recommend the following:

1. Begin the month with a Liturgical service that places the word of God at a designated visible place in the sanctuary (See attached a sample of this celebration of the Word).
2. Let all families of the diocese acquire a Bible that will be placed in an outstanding area of the house, accessible enough to all members of the family.
3. Encourage individual daily reading of the Bible by all members of the family.
4. Organize weekly the family or group meditation of a chosen Bible passage.
5. Encourage the reading and meditation of extracts of the Bible during all gatherings.
6. Take active part in the Sunday Liturgies with special devotion to the Word of God.
7. Organize the Bible games and quizzes for children and youth in parishes.
8. Priests and deacons are encouraged to chant the Gospel during Sunday masses.

Wishing you a blessed month of the Bible I remain, gratefully yours in Christ, Bishop Jerome Feudjio.

HURRICANE PRAYER:

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. We ask this, Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

ANUNCIOS

BIENVENIDA A NUESTROS VISITANTES:

Damos la bienvenida a los visitantes en nuestra iglesia hoy. Si usted está interesado en saber más acerca de nuestra parroquia o quiere registrarse como miembro, por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la Iglesia llamando al 340-774-0201.

FERIADO:

La oficina estará cerrada el lunes 6 de septiembre de 2021, en recordación del Día del Trabajo.

TALLER DE BIBLIA:

Todos los feligreses de habla hispana están invitados al **Taller de Biblia** todos los martes a las 5:30PM en el Salón de Hospitalidad. Recuerden traer su biblia y libreta para tomar notas.

PÉSAME:

Nuestro pésame a la familia de Chental Yearwood, quien murió la semana pasada. Su misa fúnebre será el viernes 10 de septiembre de 2021 en la Catedral. Que su alma descanse en paz.

SEGUNDA OFRENDA:

La segunda ofrenda de este fin de semana será recojida para el Ministerio de Música. El próximo fin de semana, la segunda ofrenda se destinará a la Educación Católica. Habrá una Segunda Ofrenda Especial para las Víctimas del Terremoto en Haití. Gracias por su apoyo.

NUEVO AIRE ACONDICIONADO:

Continuamos solicitando sus contribuciones para el nuevo sistema de aire acondicionado. Hasta el miércoles 25 de agosto, se ha recaudado **\$54,351.00** de un total de \$90,000.00. Gracias por su generosa donación a este proyecto tan importante.

PUESTOS PARA MAESTROS DISPONIBLES:

Colegio de los Santos Pedro y Pablo está contratando maestros para el año académico 2021-2022. Si está interesado, favor de llamar a la oficina de la escuela al 340-774-2199 para más información.

COLEGIO DE LOS SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO:

Nuestra Escuela Católica anuncia la inscripción para el Año Académico 2021-2022. Llame a la oficina de la escuela para programar pruebas o para obtener información adicional: 340-774-2199 o 340-774-5662. O contáctenos por correo electrónico a: jinfo@spps.edu. vi clases se están llenando rápidamente!

CATECISMO:

La inscripción para las Clases de Catecismo 2021 -2022 comenzó el domingo, 15 de agosto de 2021, para niños de primer grado hasta escuela superior. La tarifa es de \$ 30.00.

Se necesitan voluntarios para enseñar o ayudar en nuestras clases de Formación de la Fe. Por favor llame a la hermana Adèle al 340-774-0201 ext. 23 para más información.

23ER DOMINGO ORDINARIO

ENTRADA:

En este fin de semana del Día del Trabajador descansen de nuestras asiduas labores, ya trabajemos en una fábrica o en el campo, en una tienda o en una oficina, en la escuela o en el hogar, y démosle valor al tiempo que pasamos con el Señor que nos prometió que su yugo es suave y su carga ligera. Oremos hoy especialmente por aquellas personas cuyas cargas son difíciles: las que necesitan tener más de un empleo para poder sustentar a su familia, por las que no reciben la gratitud y la remuneración merecidas por su trabajo, y por las que están desempleadas o subempleadas.

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA:

Nuestro Dios es un Dios transformador, que da vida al páramo y esperanza al pueblo que parece estar abandonado. Isaías, profeta y poeta, le habló a una sociedad que equiparaba la deficiencia con el pecado y le profetizó que Dios transformaría al sordo, al ciego, a los discapacitados y a los mudos. Jesús hace precisamente eso en el Evangelio. Y entremedio, Santiago nos pide que cambiemos la forma en que juzgamos a los demás. Escuchemos las lecturas de hoy y que no nos pasen por alto las transformaciones que presenciamos.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL:

“ALABA, ALMA MÍA, AL SEÑOR.”

ORACIÓN PARA PROTECCIÓN DE HURACANES:

Dios, Padre nuestro, a quien los elementos de la naturaleza obedecen, manténnos a salvo de los huracanes y todos los demás desastres naturales. Haznos sentir siempre la presencia de Tu amor. Que estemos seguros de Tu protección y convierte nuestros temores en alabanza de Tu bondad. Esto te lo pedimos, Padre, por medio de Tu Hijo Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

NUESTRA IGLESIA Y NUESTRA ESCUELA SON AMBIENTES SEGUROS:

Todos estamos comprometidos con la protección de los niños en nuestras instituciones.

Si nota algún comportamiento nocivo hacia nuestros hijos, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros lo antes posible. Gracias.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA:

¿Estoy abierto a oír la palabra de Dios aun en lugares inesperados? ¿Cómo pongo en práctica mi misión bautismal de proclamar la palabra de Dios?

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021:
Music Ministry

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021:
Catholic Education
Special Collection for Haiti

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021:
Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021:
Priests Retirement Fund

OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO

Last week's offertory amounted to:
La ofrenda de la semana pasada sumó a:

\$4,733.00

Second Collection

\$1,419.50

Thank you for your donation.
Gracias por su donación.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mass Intention envelopes are available in the Church Office. Intentions will not be taken over the telephone. Please ensure that you give your telephone number; if the date you requested is already taken, you will receive a call from the Office to assign a new date. Please put your \$10 donation inside the envelope, seal it, and take it to the Church Office. Dates are available on a **First Come - First Served** basis.

TABERNACLE LIGHT:

The Parish is pleased to light the Tabernacle Candle on behalf of your family or loved ones either in the Cathedral or the Chapel. This Vigil Light will be lit in their honor for one week, starting on Saturday. Please put your \$25 donation in the Devotional Light Envelope, complete the necessary information, and submit it to the Church Office.

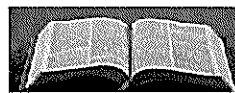
E-GIVING:

Please fill out the E-Giving Enrollment Form, at the Church Office, if you prefer to send your offertory donations using automatic payments from:

- * your Checking/Saving account.
- * your Credit or Debit card.
- * your PayPal account.
- * a Bank-to-Bank transfer.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Am I open to hearing God's word, even from unexpected sources? How do I live out my baptismal call to proclaim God's word?



DAILY READINGS

Sunday/Domingo, September 5
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Monday/Lunes, September 6
First Reading: 1 Colossians 1:24; 2:3
Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday/Martes, September 7
First Reading: Colossians 2:6-15
Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 8
NATIVITY OF THE BVM
First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday/Jueves September 9
First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Friday/Viernes, September 10
First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Saturday/Sábado, September 11
First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

Sunday/Domingo, September 12
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL ARE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:

We are all committed to the protection of the children in our institutions. **If you notice any harmful behavior toward our children, do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.**

Thank you.

OBSERVANCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please be aware that during the COVID Pandemic, there are regulations that must be followed by everyone:

- 1- Wear a face covering at all times in the church.
- 2- Sanitize your hands.
- 3- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- 4- Receive Holy Communion in the hand.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.



PASTORAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. Requests for a different date and time will be honored to the extent possible. Parents and sponsors who have not yet received the required baptismal instruction are expected to do so by attending our baptismal preparation program. Call the Parish Office well in advance so that class arrangements can be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Anyone wishing to have his or her wedding celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral must contact the Church Office 9-12 months prior to the celebration and talk to a priest for pre-wedding counseling. Please visit our website www.cathedralvi.org or call us at 340-774-0201. The Sacrament of Matrimony is generally celebrated on a Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Please contact the pastor if you would like a different time for your wedding. (Note that Saturday mornings are reserved for cleaning and decorating the church.)

FUNERAL MASSES:

Funeral Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral are held on the designated day at 9:30AM. The Funeral Program should read "**Christian Burial**" on the cover. If you would like a different time, please contact the pastor. Viewings will not take place inside the Cathedral. Funerals generally are not held on weekends (Saturday or Sunday). Thank you for your cooperation.

SICK & SHUT-INS:

If anyone in your family is ill, please inform the Parish. Give us their name so we can pray and minister to them.

HOME OR NURSING HOME

LENO ABRAHAM
JENVILLE ANDREWS
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JOKATA GARCÍA
MERCEDES GARCÍA
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